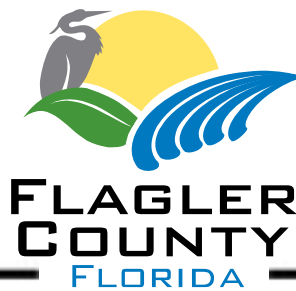


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County Extension Director receives award from UF

March 15, 2018 – The University of Florida will honor Sharon Treen, Flagler County Extension Director, for her excellence in university service at a reception held March 27 in Gainesville.

The annual “Staff and Faculty Superior Accomplishment Awards Program” recognizes superior service in the following categories: Academic Personnel, Administrative/Professional, Clerical/Office Support, Support Service, Scientific/Technical, Administrative/Supervisory, Community Service, and, Diversity and Inclusion. The awards program was created by the Florida Legislature in 1989.

“I am pleased to announce that you have been selected for recognition in the Academic Personnel category and offer heartiest congratulations,” said Jack Payne, Senior Vice President UF/IFAS Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Treen has served as the Flagler County extension director since January 2005.

She has a Masters of Science from Louisiana State University in Family and Consumer Sciences. Treen has also earned recognition from Epsilon Sigma Phi (National Honorary Extension Fraternity) for 25 years of service, and from the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences/Florida Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences for “Continued Excellence” and “Distinguished Service.”

“I am in my 35th year with the Extension Service, starting in Louisiana and moving to Florida in 1989,” Treen said. “After working in the neighboring counties of Putnam and St. Johns Counties, I came to Flagler County as the Extension Director.”

Cooperative Extension Service is nationwide and was established by the Smith-Lever Act of 1914. It is a partnership between state land grant universities, like the University of Florida, the United States Department of Agriculture, and county government.

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Greg Hansen
District 2

David Sullivan
District 3

Nate McLaughlin
District 4

Donald O'Brien, Jr.
District 5

“We are blessed to have such a great member of our team get recognized for how special she is – something we have always known,” said County Administrator Craig Coffey. “And we are thankful she serves our Flagler County community.”

In Florida, Extension Service operates as part of the university’s Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS). Statewide, extension services provides information and conducts educational programs about issues such as: sustainable agriculture; natural resource conservation; horticulture; energy conservation; food safety; child and family development; and, 4-H.

The Flagler Extension Office is located at 150 Sawgrass Road, Bunnell. The web address is: <http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/flagler/>.

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